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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 103)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act providing for the recognition of reserve forces and
- 2 national guard service status on driver's licenses and
- 3 nonoperator's identification cards.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 321.189, Code 2015, is amended by adding 2 the following new subsection:
- 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. Other military service status. A
- 4 licensee who is honorably discharged from the armed forces
- 5 military reserve of the United States or the national guard of
- 6 any state who served on active duty other than training may
- 7 request that the license be marked to reflect the licensee's
- 8 military service status. Upon such a request, an emblem
- 9 honoring the licensee's service shall be marked prominently on
- 10 the face of the license. The emblem shall be designed by the
- 11 department in cooperation with the adjutant general and shall
- 12 signify the reserve forces or national guard service status of
- 13 the licensee. Such a license shall be issued only upon receipt
- 14 of satisfactory proof of military service status pursuant to
- 15 procedures established by the department in consultation with
- 16 the department of veterans affairs.
- 17 Sec. 2. Section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
- 18 2015, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:
- 19 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (5) A nonoperator's identification card
- 20 issued to a person honorably discharged from the armed forces
- 21 military reserve of the United States or the national guard of
- 22 any state who satisfies the requirements of section 321.189,
- 23 subsection 9, shall contain the same information as any other
- 24 nonoperator's identification card except the emblem designed
- 25 pursuant to section 321.189, subsection 9, shall appear
- 26 prominently on the face of the card.
- 27 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
- 29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 30 Current law provides for the recognition of veteran status
- 31 on the driver's licenses and nonoperator's identification
- 32 cards of honorably discharged veterans of the armed forces of
- 33 the United States. The bill provides for the recognition of
- 34 reserve forces or national guard service status on the driver's
- 35 licenses and nonoperator's identification cards of honorably

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- 1 discharged reserve forces or national guard service members
- 2 who served on active duty other than training. The license
- 3 or card is issued only upon receipt of satisfactory proof of
- 4 military service status pursuant to procedures established
- 5 by the department of transportation in consultation with the
- 6 department of veterans affairs.